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(54) **Preventing and treating periodontal disease**

(57) A tobacco extract, or one or more chemical compounds characteristic of a tobacco extract, is useful in the prevention or treatment of periodontal disease. The tobacco extract may be obtained from tobacco leaf, part-processed tobacco leaf or tobacco for smoking, in an aqueous solution, for example by gas or liquid phase extraction. Alternatively the compounds may be chemically synthesized. The medicinally active agent may be

a chemical compound containing nitrogen, and it may be one or a mixture of alkaloids, terpenoids and carotenoids. The use of a tobacco extract or one or more chemical compounds characteristic of tobacco extract in the preparation of a medicament for the prevention or treatment of periodontal disease is also claimed. The extract may be in the form of solution, paste, jelly, gum or solid.



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Remark: Although claim 16 is directed to a method of treatment of the human/animal body (Article 52(4) EPC) the search has been carried out and based on the alleged effects of the compound/composition.